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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, HO

SUBJECT: PROPOSED YUGOSLAV SALE OF F-86 AIRCRAFT TO HONDURAS

REF: STATE 207831

1. EMBASSY PREDICATING JUDGMENT CONCERNING JASTREB AIRCRAFT ON BASIS INFORMATION CONTAINED IN 1968-69 EDITION OF JAME'S ALL THE WORLD'S AIRCRAFT. IT WOULD SEEM UNLIKELY THAT GOH WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING JASTREB GIVEN ITS SIMILARITY TO THE A-37S THAT HONDURAS RECENTLY ACQUIRED. HOWEVER, POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASE CANNOT BE RULED OUT, PARTICULARLY IF PRICE IS GOOD AND OTHER SOURCES OF CHEAPER JETS ARE FORECLOSED. JASTREBS' CAPABILITY OF BEING MODIFIED TO CARRY 20 MM. CANNON WOULD BE IMPORTANT FACTOR.

2. NO EMBASSY SOURCES HAVE HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THE PURCHASE OF JASTREBS.

3. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, HONDURAN AIR FORCE IS DETERMINED TO IMPROVE FIGHTER CAPABILITIES. PRESENT GROUP OF F-86KS HAVE NOT FLOWN EVEN THOUGH CONSIDERABLE EFFORT IS BEING EXPENDED DAILY. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, FLIGHT OF THE  
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F-86KS CANNOT BE REGARDED AS MUCH MORE THAN A MORLAIE

BOOSTER IF IN FACT IT EVER OCCURS. IT IS, HOWEVER,  
PROBABLE THAT AIR FORCE WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO OBTAIN  
F-86ES FOR A TACTICAL ROLE IN VARIOUS WORLD MARKETS.  
PRESENT F-86KS CAN BE USED AS PARTS REPLACEMENTS FOR  
POSSIBLE F-1YE PURCHASE.  
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